

NAVY DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Action Taken that was Entirely Unexpected at Naval Headquarters

PRESIDENT APPOINTS A COMMISSION

Whose Duty it Shall be "To Consider Certain Needs of the Navy"—Secretary Newberry Appeared to be the Most Surprised of All—President Sends Letters to Each Member of the Commission.

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Roosevelt thinks that the organization of the navy department is such as to bring the best results, and today he appointed a commission whose announced duty it will be "to consider certain needs of the navy."

The president's action was somewhat of a surprise in view of the fact that the members of the commission appointed today are not two weeks ago at Washington, and endorsed Secretary Newberry's plan of reorganization and in view also of the inquiry into naval expenditures, the inquiry into naval and the need, if any, of legislation to improve the administration of the navy department. Announcement of the president's action was entirely unexpected at the navy department.

Secretary Newberry greatly surprised Secretary Roosevelt by his proposed plan, with particular reference to the navy yards, appeared to be the most surprised of all. He said that he was not aware that the president had taken such action, had not seen the letter of

NOTIFICATIONS SENT TO REPUBLIC'S PASSENGERS

To Come Forward With Inventories of Baggage and Other Effects Lost.

New York, Jan. 27.—Counsel to the White Star line sent out notifications today to all the passengers of the Republic to come forward to them as soon as possible inventories of the baggage and other effects they had with them on board the Republic. The circular said that the claims would form part of the principal claim to be made against the Lloyd-Triand line.

Captain Sealby and several of his officers made depositions to the White Star line's counsel today. At the conclusion of the deposition, Captain Sealby said that he would at once draw up an official report of the disaster. At St. Vincent's hospital it was said Mrs. M. J. Murphy of Grand Forks, N. D., who was injured in the collision between the Republic and Florida, was out of danger.

MAY LEAD TO RATE WAR.

Reduction on Western Freight Rates by Boston and Maine.

Boston, Jan. 27.—The Boston and Maine railroad sent to the interstate commerce commission today a statement that it would reduce its freight rate of 65 cents per hundred pounds to the west, the same as from Baltimore, though it agreed to reduce its rate to 60 cents per hundred pounds for a month. Up to the first of the year the rate from Boston has been slightly higher than that from Baltimore, which has acted adversely, according to the Boston and Maine officials, to the business interests of this city and in favor of Baltimore.

MANY BODIES FOUND DAILY.

Work of Excavating at Messina Goes Unceasingly On.

Messina, Jan. 27.—The work of excavating among the ruins of Messina goes on without cessation. Bodies are discovered daily, but all are unrecognizable, owing to the length of time they have been buried beneath the debris. Slight signs of life continue here and at Reggio, though none has resulted in serious damage.

An enormous number of bodies were found on the coast at Catania, and in its stomach was found one leg if a man with a shoe on the foot. The shoe indicated the great trial which followed the earthquake of December 28.

DEATH OF COQUELIN.

Great French Actor Suddenly and Fatally Stricken.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Benoit-Constant Coquelin, the great French actor, whose dominating triumph had been awaited by the French people, died last night at Pont-aux-Dames, Seine-et-Marne. Only yesterday M. Coquelin had been seen in the role of Hamlet, and he had been the subject of a great triumph in the role of Hamlet.

THIRTY MINERS ENTOMBED.

Accident Reported at Crow's Nest Pass Mine Near Fernie, B. C.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 27.—An incident reported from Fernie, B. C., was that twenty men are imprisoned in the Morrison mine of the Crow's Nest Pass. The cause was either a "bump" or an explosion. All are safe.

Southern Cotton Mills Sold Under the Hammer.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 27.—The Southern and Bessemer City cotton mills were sold under the hammer at Bessemer City today by Caesar Conner, receiver. The Southern mill was bought by George Stephens of Charlotte, representing a syndicate of creditors, for \$110,000. The Bessemer City mill was sold to General John Gill of Baltimore for \$40,000. The Southern mill runs 15,000 spindles and 400 looms, and the Bessemer City mill is equipped with 15,216 spindles and 461 looms.

Connecticut Supreme Court Decisions.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 27.—Decisions in the following cases were handed down by the supreme court here today:

Sullivan vs. Mayor Martin, New Haven. No error.

Ensworth et al. vs. National Life Assurance association, Hartford. No error.

Harriet Swift vs. Edward W. Swift, Bridgeport. No error.

New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company vs. city of New Haven. No error.

Rio Janeiro to Float \$10,000,000 Loan.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 27.—The municipal council today authorized the mayor to float a loan of \$10,000,000. It is rumored here that the loan will be secured in New York.

Cabled Paragraphs.

Panama, Jan. 27.—The Panama-United States treaty was ratified today by the assembly and was signed immediately by President Obaldia.

Santiago, Cuba, Jan. 27.—Cock and bull fights will be features of the celebration tomorrow over the coming into power again of the Cuban government.

Lisbon, Jan. 27.—The Spanish steamer Trinidad rammed and sunk an unknown Belgian steamship today off Cape Roca. Eight members of the crew of the Belgian vessel lost their lives.

Seoul, Jan. 27.—The emperor of Korea, accompanied by Count Ito, left for their northern trip at 8 o'clock this morning. The departure was marked by elaborate farewell ceremonies.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—Thirty-one cases of Asiatic cholera in this city were reported for the twenty-four hours ended at noon today. The number of new cases for the last three days is eighty-three.

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CONNECTICUT'S RAILROADS.

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Hartford, Jan. 27.—The annual report of the board of railroad commissioners for the year ended June 30, 1908, was made public today, and covering the operations of the steam railroad and street railway companies for the year ended June 30, 1908, showed a reduction in freight and passenger revenues.

COPPER RIVER RAILROAD.

Completed from Cordova to a Point Above Abernethy Rapids.

New York, Jan. 27.—Announcement was made today of the completion of the Copper River railroad, which is being built by the Copper River Railroad company, from Cordova to a point above Abernethy Rapids.

SHIP'S COMMANDERS.

Ship's commanders generally are loath to consider any suggestions of a change in the tradition of the sea.

THE HOUSE.

The house was called to order by Speaker Lyman, and the prayer was offered by the house chaplain, the Rev. Franklin Countryman.

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